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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BILLINGS DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**JOSEPH CHARLES RHODES,**

**Defendant.**

**CR 18-54-BLG-DLC**

**ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on the United States's unopposed motion for a preliminary order of forfeiture. (Doc. 29.) On June 19, 2018, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the Indictment filed on April 19, 2018, and defendant conceded the forfeiture of the property set forth in the Indictment. The defendant's guilty plea and defendant's concession to the forfeiture provides a factual basis and cause to issue a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253(a).

**IT IS ORDERED:**

THAT Defendant Joseph Charles Rhodes interest in the following property is forfeited to the United States, in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 2253(a):

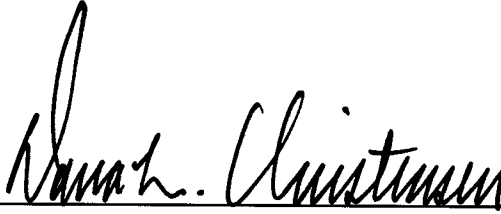
- Toshiba 320 GB External USB Hard Disk Drive (serial number 14B1T24RT1BB); and
- Western Digital 320 GB Hard Disk Drive (serial number WXR0A4988249).

THAT the United States Marshal Service, or its sub-custodian shall, prior to disposition of the assets, seize the property subject to forfeiture and further make its return to this Court as provided by law;

THAT the United States shall provide written notice to all third parties asserting a legal interest in any of the above-described property and shall post on an official government internet site <http://www.forfeiture.gov> for at least 30 consecutive days as required by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules of Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, of the Court's Preliminary Order and the United States's intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(b)(1) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), and to make its return to this Court that such action has been completed;

THAT upon adjudication of all third-party interests, if any, the Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dana L. Christensen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

Dana L. Christensen, Chief District Judge  
United States District Court